



COLLEGE HILL VOICES

Many years ago part of our Mother's Day worship service included a moment in which members and friends could share memories of their mothers or mothering persons. Mothers come in various personalities, many shapes, looks and sizes. But that multi-selection of varieties makes them one of Gods' wondrous earthly prizes. Happy Mother's Day! Below, are a few tributes submitted by some of our members.



In tribute to my Mother, Mrs. Barbara J. Ponder who just turned 93 years old in April.

I never thought until recently how amazing you were to feed four children every day and we can never say that we went hungry. I didn't realize how much strength it took to raise four ungrateful children and not just walk away. How much endurance it took to work every day, but never have money to spend on yourself, or make it stretch to pay all the bills. I never considered all the nights that you must have silently cried yourself to sleep. I now know the strong faith in God and love for your children that you must have had to carry you through.

For all of this and more, thank you Momma for all that you have done and sacrificed without a word of complaint.

By Brenda J. Peters



Mrs. Barbara J. Ponder



My mother, Helen Lenore Hixson Kear, passed away two years ago and I miss her. She lived to the age of 94 so I watched her go through many, many stages of life and I learned from them all. When first married, my mom went wherever my dad was stationed with the Navy, and she would tell stories of staying in a home with other military wives guarded by a well intended house matron. Later, she had five daughters, was a stay at home mom, and chose not to drive. The RTA bus was our friend. My father traveled for his job with DESC so she was on her own quite a bit. I didn't understand the complexity of any of this when I was little. We owned a Shasta trailer that we all slept in (all 7!) and I can still see the rows of laundry baskets packed with camping supplies that she would begin preparing well before we went on vacation. My mom was a sore loser at board games. I guess that's how she worked off frustrations! She was the daughter of a Methodist minister.

She had a great Alto voice and whistled like a bird. My mom's best quality was she never judged anyone (except Frank Sinatra) and she loved all of her daughters and grandchildren equally. When I spent my last moments with my mom, I knew my life would never be the same without her.

By Kathy Lakes



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To my Mother, Miss Little B. Thornton
(11/25/78 - 4/30/2016)

Thank you for always encouraging me to be happy and to stay positive no matter how bad something is. Thank you for being my Mother and Mentor. I Love you and miss you!
By Queen J. Peters Thornton



Miss Little B. Thornton



This woman right here!! My #1. Happy Mother's Day to my beautiful mommy!! God, thank you!! Love you so deep, Mommy.
#gratefulheart
By Charla Baker-Jackson



*Marjorie Baker With Daughter
Charla Baker-Jackson*



One of my most treasured memories of my mother (who passed in 2003), was seeing her and my daughter, Charla, (age 3 at the time) modeling together in a Fashion Show at the Senior Citizen Center that my Mom attended. The highlight for me, and certainly for my Mother, was the fact that she had actually 'made' both of the matching outfits that she and my daughter modeled on her sewing machine. I enjoyed seeing my mother put so very much love and effort into getting the finishing touches on those 'grandma/granddaughter outfits' just right! The memory of my mother and my daughter so proudly strutting down that 'make-shift runway' at the Senior Citizens Center, in their 'imperfect,' yet beautiful matching outfits, will be etched in my memory forever. Thank you, Mom!

By Marj Baker

I remember my mother particularly for her self-sacrificing, loving ways. That characteristic was not just for her family of husband and nine children, but the friends who often called her "Mama," or "Mama Willis." And oh what a cook of great meals and desserts. It was so good the Omar bread deliveryman would often pay part of the bill in exchange for her hot rolls or a slice of caramel cake.

One of my physical remembrances is a glass block printed with a poem she wrote. Over the poem, is a picture of her running around on the driveway dressed in her usual plain housedress, and wearing a pair of my brother's combat boots. She was expressing her joy in having him home on leave. What a fitting picture for a poem about beauty being in the eye of the beholder. To all her "family," my mother was not among the most beautiful in looks, but she was truly a beautiful person in our eyes and our hearts. Though long departed, she is missed and yet still with us. I thank God she was our "Mama."

Pat Townsel

My COLLEGE HILL VOICES (continued)

My first memory of my mother is when I was 4 or 5. I had frequent episodes of croop. I remember I could hardly breathe and was very scared. When an episode happened, mom would put a thick Army blanket over the dining room table, fill a pot with water, plug it in and as soon as the steam appeared climbed under the table with me. She held me on her lap and either read or sang to me. I always felt I would be all right as she held me. My mother is very claustrophobic and several years ago it dawned on me how difficult it must have been to be in such small closed space. I asked her about it and she replied, 'when your child needs you, you do whatever is needed'. Mom was always there for me my entire life. She was such a good role model and I was always proud to call her 'mom'. The most important thing she taught me was that it didn't matter how rich a person was, the color of their skin, where they came from, their education - what matters is what is inside. Now that she has dementia, I'm very glad I can give back to her some of what she gave me.



Betty Brecht

Jan Brecht



My mother was born in LaGrange, Georgia and moved to Ohio with her husband, Hilton. She had five boys and we all called her Nikki. I can't even tell you how we all started calling her that, but I grew up hearing Nikki. She was a tiny little lady with no weight on her, but she could handle us boys. She only had an 8th grade education but she did her best to get us all through high school. My mom enjoyed watching me and my brother Isaac play sports and she was so happy at our graduations from Willbur Wright. She loved to go fishing, she loved cars, and she loved the outdoors. With having 5 boys she used to tell us, you are not my father and you cannot tell ME what to do. And she meant that. My mom passed away suddenly at age 56, but my children got to meet and know her so that is good. If she had lived she would be 83 now, and I wish she could have been with us longer.



Mack Lakes and Mother Nikki

Mack Lakes



Mothers and mothering-persons are of many personalities, faces, and sizes.
And among all God's earthly gifts, they rank in the most wondrous of His prizes.
Be she a super woman, a humble servant, or somewhere in between,
One's own precious mother is dearer than any others they've seen.
So, to any curious mother, who may sometimes ask if she is up to par,
Just be assured in your family's loving hearts,
You are to them a lustrous, treasured
STAR!



Happy Mother's Day
Sincerely College Hill Presbyterian Men's Ministry Unit

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Helen Winston	May 2	Heather Peters	May 21
Charla Baker	May 11	Jacqueline McKenzie	May 24
Rosetta Brown	May 12	Ronnell McGriff	May 24
Carolyn Peters	May 13	Sylvia Robinson	May 24
Jimmy Thompson	May 14	Ronnell McGriff	May 25
Marcus Jenkins	May 16	Sandra Martinez	May 25
Alexis Augustin	May 17	Kenneth Stargell	May 27
Marcus Lambright	May 18	Jauntee McGriff	May 28
Gideon Adegbile	May 18	Sharon Royster	May 29
Obie Harris	May 18	Melodi Brewer	May 30

PRAYER LIST

Family of Bill and Rose Allen
 Terrence Boyd
 The Bragg Family
 Betty & Jan Brecht
 Joan Crabtree's Family
 Marco Antonio Camacho
 Derrick Daniels/Family
 Paula Drake & Family
 Vicki Eason
 Doris Evans
 Janet Fahlen
 Don Gaskins Family
 Isabella Green
 Hilario Antonio Gutierrez
 Diann Harris & Family
 Obie Harris
 Andrea Hirtle
 Chante Johnson
 Jose Jones Family
 Pastor Robert E Jones Family
 Michael Love



Jackie McKenzie
 Bob Moore
 Carolyn Moore
 Filomena Nicacio
 Misael & Olivia
 Margaret Oglesby
 Charles Peterson
 Bernetha Pulliam
 Melanie Shoop
 Kiffany Stargell &
 Parents
 Mary Steele
 Nelson Stone, Sr.
 Dorris Thompson
 Gerry Thompson
 Jimmy/Sue Thompson
 Ronals Todd
 José Vidal & Family
 Pastor Darryll & Rev.
 Karen Young
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TEENS COLUMN

Two kinds of teens are going to arise at the end of Corona: the kind that only slept and watched movies and played video games because life threw some obstacles at them, and the kind that found creative ways to keep living and pursuing their dreams, in spite of pesky viral, um, setbacks. Be in the second group!

Complete a puzzle: The more pieces the better! Feeling extra saucy? Take on a Rubik's Cube. More of a word person? Crossword puzzle!

Start a journal or blog.

Learn another language on Duolingo.

Organize your peers in Zoom dance parties.

Research your family tree (beware addicting).

Stage a family play with scripts, costumes, and opening night that is viewed on FaceTime by your relatives (Charge them admission. That's awesome.)

Write songs.

Invent a new type of pizza, killer milkshake or one of a kind sandwich.

Learn First Aid.

Take a virtual trip or tour. Google Earth and the internet are a great way to see some world! Select a faraway destination and go online. The possibilities are endless.

Prepare a family newsletter. E-mail it to family and friends. Let them know are you are doing.

Write a thank you note to doctors, nurses, police, fire fighters, custodians in hospitals, grocery store clerks and people who stock the stores. They are just a few of todays heroes..

An Elder or Deacon will be available to pray individually with anyone who desires prayer immediately after the worship service at the front of the church in the choir stand. Say a special prayer for our sick and shut-ins & those in need of improvement in their health.



April Session Highlights,

College Hill Church, always be mindful that: "God is making things happen for you. Even when you don't see it. Even when you can't feel it. In our waiting, **God is Working!**"

Greetings Church, your Session has been very active since the pandemic hit at the end of March. We are continuing to have our monthly meetings over zoom. We have been successful in arranging Sunday sermons through Facebook, and making sure that our weekly Bible classes continue (Sunday School & Bible Study).

In all honesty, we were not prepared for this thrust into the arena of technology. However, we are living up to the quote "All you have to bring is a willing spirit and God will do the rest." God has surely blessed our church with the ability to keep moving, serving, and worshiping during this time of isolation.

We are progressing in our pastor search, and hope to be able to present a church-wide update soon. We are starting to have conversations with the presbytery and amongst ourselves as to when we will restart face-to-face church worship. The age range of our church has to be taken in consideration. We do not want to put anyone's health at risk. This has been a journey and a trying time for all of us and we really appreciate your patience and steadfast love for our church!

I believe that there is a reason for all things. Hopefully, everyone has taken the time to reflect on the spirit of the Lord. I also hope you will take the time not only to listen to the sermons on Sunday, but also to attend one of our bible classes through zoom. This is a wonderful way for our congregation to stay in touch and let our needs be known while focusing on our Lord.

College Hill Congregation, if you have questions about anything that is going on at our church feel free to email me. You can just email me your phone number and we can have a conversation. MOGPegues@gmail.com.

Remember we are in this together. Session represents you! I pray you all stay safe and virus free!

Praise Be To God!

Marva Gray, Clerk of Session

CHCC Presbyterian Men's Golf Fundraiser

CHCC Presbyterian Men thank all the loyal supporters of the Annual College Hill St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Golf Fundraiser. Over the years, you have allowed us to raise substantial financial support for each church's missions and programs. We are sorry to report this year's 7th golf outing must be cancelled due to the Pandemic. The planning committee, however, is exploring other options such as raffles to continue our important fundraising efforts. We will keep you posted as soon as we develop further plans. We are grateful for your faithful patience and future support.



Lee Townsel, Chairperson

I & S Ministry

Thank you for mailing your tithes and offerings to the church, and many of you went for a drive and put your envelope in the mail slot at the Philadelphia entrance. We are processing these mailings about once a week. We thank you in advance for your continued support of College Hill as we practice social distancing.



Peace and Social Justice Committee: Poor People's Campaign Update

Hello College Hill folks. Your Peace and Justice Ministry Team asked that we give you an update on the Poor People's Campaign, which you endorsed some months ago. We were anticipating and working toward the Dayton gathering of the MORE tour for April 23, 2020, but with this health emergency that is keeping most of us at home, this tour stop was canceled. So, our question, much like MLK's question after the passage of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts is "Where do We Go From Here?"

Well, like this newsletter and many meetings and worship services, PPC gatherings have gone digital. Some things have not changed. The national web site is still found at www.poorpeoplescampaign.org PPC is contacting people with campaign updates and opportunities to continue working in our movement.

1. You will find, on the web site, the list of campaign principles and our demands based on the moral audit. These demands have been focussed a bit for this time of health emergency. We know that the old normal was not good for over 40% of us. We cannot return to that so-called normal. Addressing the depth of the crises that have been revealed in this pandemic means enacting universal health care, expanding social welfare programs, ensuring access to water and sanitation, cash assistance to poor and low-income families, good jobs, living wages and an annual income, and protecting our democracy. It means ensuring that our abundant national resources are used for the general welfare, instead of war, walls and the wealthy.

At the web site you will also find a petition written with MoveOn. <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/this-pandemic-demands-a-systemic-response-an-urgent-message-from-the-poor-peoples-campaign>

This petition for legislators to enact policies described above. Please add your name. More than that, please communicate with your elected representatives at the local, state and national level. Demand that these provisions be added to the next emergency bill. Be persistent, like the widow in Luke 18:1-8. She finally found justice, not because she was right (which she was) and not because the judge had compassion or was convinced of the rightness of her cause (which he was not) but because the judge found her so annoying that he gave in. Persistence is the lesson. Call, text, write about one demand at a time. Do it as daily, but only one demand at a time. We want to impress them with our consistency and persistence.

2. Before COVID-19 the campaign was planning a Moral Assembly and March on Washington for June 20, 2020. That gathering will now be digital. On the web site, you can make a reservation for that moral assembly. And further, we ask you to join in a phone-banking program to ask others who have joined the campaign already to register for June 20. You can sign up for phone banking training on the web site, too.

3. We had been having campaign tour stops around the country, gathering energy for June 20. The Ohio stop meant for Dayton, has gone digital, too. The gathering for Ohio will happen online on April 30, and will include testifiers from Ohio, KY, and PA. These testimonies will speak to the the truths of the 43% of us who are poor and low wealth in this country, experiencing those 5 interlocking evils: Systemic Racism, Systemic Poverty, Militarism, Environmental Degradation, and the distorted moral narrative that blames poor people for their own problems.

So... Join the Poor People's Campaign, sign the Petition, contact legislators, register for April 30 and June 20, participate in phone calling. In the PPC we end our meetings with a shared chant. The leader begins saying "Forward Together" and the group responds "Not One Step Back". So today let's end in that same way: Forward Together: Not One Step Back.

Submitted by Donna Moore

**CONGRATULATIONS NOAH ON A JOB WELL DONE
AND ON YOUR GRADUATION**

One of the latest helps I have heard regarding brain health is to not only keep one's mind active, but to keep it active doing new things! Noah Hulbert is doing that in a big way. During this time of learning at home, he accepted his mom's challenge of building her a raised garden bed. She simply showed him a picture of what she wanted and he went to work. It became a family project with a little help along the way, plus mom Lynn is adding her creative touch to the project to make her raised bed as beautiful on the outside as beautiful as the plants they plan to grow on the inside of it. This seems like the perfect antidote to the boredom and strains of the Pandemic-health for the body, mind, heart and soul both for today and for all the coming tomorrows. So get busy; learn and do something.



Noah Hulbert next to the raised garden bed he built.

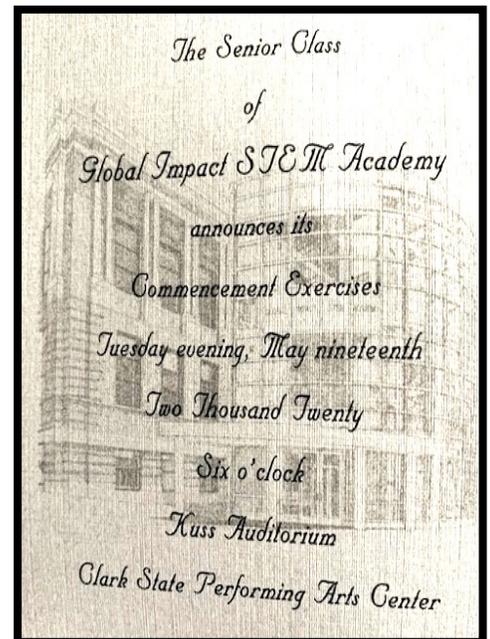


Noah Hulbert

Dear College Hill family, We are so proud of Noah graduating and wanted to share this news with you all. And at the same time it saddens us not to be able to share in his achievement with everyone physically. Noah will get to March but with only Michael, Isaac, and myself there to watch. A huge Chang from Isaac's ceremony just last year. I hope that we will soon be able to celebrate all of our Seniors in Sunday service very soon.

But If social distancing becomes our new normal, I pray that we all stay safe. And monitor our depression levels and reach out if and when we need to.

Peace & Love,
The Hulberts



IT'S A DOG'S LIFE



I'll Protect You



I'm Ready For My Walk



Did He Just Say Disinfectant?

During the last 4-6 weeks, I've been trying to avoid the daily death count in the news and staying in the house.

As most of you know, sitting still is not my forte (became very stiff & achy), so I started my indoor garden. My peas, spinach, radishes are doing well and my other crops are living but it's too cold to plant outside.



I've also deleted files of lots of papers (don't know why I kept them so long). My daughter and I have made masks. I've also been making phone calls to various members. In addition, I'm learning so much about new technologies (for me) - Zoom Bible Studies on Sunday & Wednesday, and family meetings on Saturdays. Although my term as deacon is over, I am still available. If anyone has a need - call me at (937) 654-7488.

Submitted by Darlene Brookshire

I have to admit I have cabin fever. I live alone and have had multiple conversations with myself. I discovered I'm quite boring at times. I've caught up on some movies I wanted to see. I keep saying I'm going to organize my house but I live by the motto "why do today what I can put off to until tomorrow". I've gone for a walk almost every day and

have gotten acquainted with more neighbors in my area. I use my walker and usually sit down on it to rest about halfway through. At least 5 or 6 times someone has stopped their car to see if I'm all



right. There are many caring people in the world. I've been cooking more for myself and have lost almost ten pounds. I'm thinking of packaging my meals and distributing them as diet meals. I'm afraid my hair is going to be down to my knees before I can get it cut. I've had two video chats with my mom, who is in a nursing home, the last two days which has been really nice.

Submitted by Jan Brecht

“OBEDIENCE VS SACRIFICE”

1 Samuel 15:22-23

“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.”

Greetings to My Brothers & Sisters at College Hill Community Church

Obedience: is a demonstration of our faith and trust in God. The path for unlocking blessings for our lives. It is a sign of Love. Sacrifice: is pushing one's own will. Instead of following God's will, you go your own way. Living according to one's flesh!

In this time of COVID 19, I invite you to take an inventory of your lives and create a list of who you were before COVID 19 and who you are now. Have the matters of your heart changed?

I am sure that many of you like me were exercising your freedom to spend time with family, friends, worshipping on Sundays, and were coming and going as you please without masks. This scripture motivated me to think about how we should be operating in this season of COVID 19.

God through Samuel sent instructions to Saul the message that the Amalekites had been badly mistreated by the Israelites and that everything from people to animals was to be destroyed! Saul went and did as instructed; except he did not kill the King and he kept the best of the best. Why did he fall short of being obedient? Was it to show off what he had done, was it a trophy or could it be that he felt powerful or important in his incomplete victory and obedience? He brought back the sheep to make a sacrifice to the Lord. What did the Lord prefer? Had he obeyed the Lord he would not have had a sheep from the Amalekites to present to the Lord. Have you ever attempted to gain recognition from something that is not supposed to be and lost what you hoped for?

God still sends messages and instructions through people to share and spread his news. While sitting at my desk, I reflected on the initial report that a doctor in China attempted to warn people of the coming virus and was rejected, and ultimately died from COVID 19. His cry was ignored and here we are today with COVID 19 spread across the world. Sacrifice----Rebellion!

My thoughts took me to a deeper place of concern for the thousands of people who do not have the means to get proper medical care. I teared up as I thought about those who would not take COVID 19 seriously and could possibly die, those who would put others at risk and continue working to survive or those who have said, it won't hit me. Remember in the Ten Commandments movie when they marked the doors with blood and the death angel passed over, but those who refused to believe, succumbed to death. Hardened Hearts--- rebellion.

As Christians, let us reject the mentality of King Saul and just refrain from living in sin. This is a time to listen and operate in obedience. Let us continue to obey his word, let us continue to remain united in our hearts, for in your hearts is where the Church is. Continue pouring love on each other, and this time its okay to use the long handled stick... Continue praying, delivering food, playing games with the family, exercising, laughing, and singing while wearing your mask and practicing social distancing as long as it is necessary. Please be cooperative with the guidelines for COVID 19. It was sent through a messenger not to be ignored.

Praise God for those who are not affected by COVID 19, Praise God for those recovered and for those who are operating in his grace.



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Jesus Is Alive !

If you are looking for new things to do during the Pandemic, you could not do better than attend the Sunday morning Adult Sunday School classes prepared and led by teacher Elder Stan Hirtle. The April, 19th class was powerfully stimulating. Stan began the class by asking "What does Easter mean to you?" "What does it mean to you that Jesus is alive?" Those questions led to a lively, length discussion. The information included variations of Jesus' resurrection as the key to our salvation and what Jesus is to us as individuals. However for me, the most meaningful reaction was that of both participating in and observing a wonderful reality show scripted by God. For example, in one part of the lesson, someone volunteered our discussion was fine, but she had some pressing personal issues. Conversation continued a bit, but then someone said, "Wait a minute, let's stop the discussion, and focus on what was just said. "I think this is real suffering we should stop and attend to." (I had been thinking the same thing, but had not acted on my thoughts. Right away, I silently reflected, "This is just like the parable of the Good Samaritan.") When it appeared there might be personal reluctance to discuss it, we would still be there to help later. Both offers were accepted to give immediate and follow up assistance. From this description, do you see similarity to the story of the Good Samaritan?

I will not continue with additional details. I simply will summarize this way. The entire lesson, in itself, was conformation "Jesus is alive!" in two ways. First, and foremost, is our belief Jesus is alive based on what the Bible tells us. Secondly, we show he is alive by the ways we treat God, ourselves, and each other with love. So, Jesus is alive in written word, as well as in his living legacy.

If you want a similar experience, think about joining the class. Elder Stan Hirtle sends a weekly email invitation and instructions.

Submitted by Pat Townsel

"OBEDIENCE VS SACRIFICE" **(continued from page 9)**

Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to consider your desires for us. Help us to stay on the course that will lead to saved lives, unity and peace. Let each of us take your glory to our families and friends as loving witnesses to you. Guide us and protect us. Open our hearts to truth and forgiveness.

Equip us to pray for what we do not understand. Let us lift our nation, its leadership and government for healthy leadership. We were created to hear your voice, let us let go of self that we may continue in your will.

I pray healing and restoration for all people. And for those who have gone on...I pray strength and peace for each one who has lost one. Thank you for the those who continue to serve through COVID 19, we lift them up for continued health. I pray protection over every child, every home and Church. Special prayer for suffering businesses, communities, Pastors and Churches. This Prayer I submit you our giver of life.

Rev. Dr. Darryll Young sends his love and Blessings to everyone at College Hill Community Church

*Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Karen Young*

CHCC Hispanic Ministry Sheltering-In-Place April 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent shelter-in-place and social distancing orders have changed the way we interact with each other. I fear that it will affect our interactions for some time to come. One thing is for sure, these changes have caused churches to rethink worship and dive into current technology and social media to leave the confines of their physical buildings and BE the church in ways they might never have imagined before.

The same is true for the Hispanic Ministry. We have been checking-in on each other by **text message** and **WhatsApp**. Soon after the stay at home order was in place, we began to make sure that the members had, and were able to use, **Zoom.us** so that we could hold video conference get-togethers. The video conferences led to prayer times and the reinstatement of our Spanish language Bible Studies. In fact, our Bible Study is quite an international affair as sister Filomena Nicasio (Mexico) and Rev. Angelica Munera Cervera (Cartagena, Colombia) have joined in with us.



In terms of the day-to-day, all of the members are still working as they have essential positions. We need to keep them in our prayers because they are on the “front lines” as they continue to work. All the HM children are hard at work with the mounds of homework and projects that their schools have given. Additionally, as Sandra prepares to graduate and head to New York for college and Jorge prepares for his last semester in college...we are thinking about next steps beyond high school and college! Thanks to those who have been sharing information on scholarships/grants that you hear about...keep them coming.

In their “free” time, the HM children continue to work on learning instruments. Richard has even gotten the kids together in a sort of band. I hope to learn from Orlando (from our sister church in Cartagena) how to pool the video and audio together and have our kids perform for a joint service between our two churches...certainly in Spanish but hopefully in both languages.

Some people look at problems and see obstacles, our God is a God of possibility and opportunity. Things are happening and church as we know it has been shaken up and in many places, made better. I pray that we will look at the challenges of today and learn from the solutions that people are implementing and become better ourselves. We are sheltering in place but we should be preparing and moving (growing) all the same!

Submitted by Jose Jones

Jan Brecht completed this Spanish edition of the newsletter, a task that was much more difficult than she anticipated. She used Google Translate and is very grateful to college senior Jorge Herrera for volunteering to proofread the final copy.

Thanks to those of you are gave me feedback on the new system of distributing the newsletters. Please feel free to give me feedback anytime. Let me know if there is something you don't like, would like added or would like me to change.

Thank You - Jan Brecht

Pat Townsel submitted this poem in empathy with the many families who may have experienced a loved-ones death during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

God's Comfort

O' How blessed are those who in times of deepest grief,
Can trust in their faith and receive such sweet release.
Their agony of sadness born from yet another death,
So embittered by enforced separation to the very last breath;
But so gratefully softened by God's unseen but felt embrace.
Which gives merciful comfort from His merciful grace.



The absence of your loved-one you're certain always to feel
But immersed in God's loving presence your wounded spirit just as certainly will heal.
On a teary day, a whispered word saying, "It's alright to cry."
At just a right time, a sympathetic gaze from a passerby
In melancholy reflection, precious memories lift you high
Then joyfully comes a day when your spirits again fly!

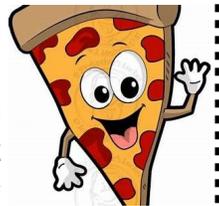
O' How blessed are those who in times of deepest grief, Can trust in their faith and receive such sweet release.

College Hill Church is trying to keep in touch with everyone. If you haven't had a call yet, please call the church office and leave a message at (937) 278-4203. This can be a difficult time for many and we want to be there for you.

Also, if you have a need for food, assistance, prayers or just want to talk to someone, we will get back to you as soon as possible. We do have some funds available from people who want to share their government check and are donating all or part of it to the church. We are a Matthew 25 church which means we are here to follow Christ's call to fill the needs of others.

Submitted by Paula Ewers

The Presbyterian Women decided in April to provide pizza for the staff at the Mary Scott Nursing Home and the Englewood Health and Rehab Center. When Pat Townsel went to the Domino's on Siebenthaler to pay for the pizza for Mary Scott, the manager on duty came out to say they thought this was such a good idea they are sending the food for free! The goodness of God just keeps moving big-hearted people to act in the most generous ways. We are waiting until after Englewood Health and Rehab allows visitor again before their pizza party. They are being exceptionally cautious about bringing items into the facility. A big thank you to Domino's for donating the pizza.

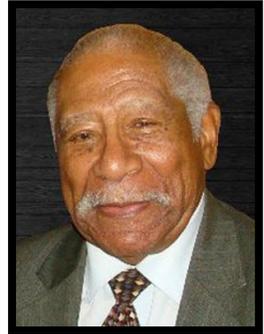


[Sent to Jose Jones on behalf of Diane Moffett:](#)

Easter greetings, PMAers,

Another week has come and gone. Some things have remained the same. Most of us are still “sheltering in place,” learning how to navigate the uncharted territory of COVID-19. Wearing face mask and gloves. Greeting neighbors and people from afar, seeking to observe that 6-foot distance. But, while some things have remained the same, other things have changed.

This week I learned of the death of the Rev. Dr. Gayraud Wilmore. Rev. Dr. Wilmore was a premiere Presbyterian, pastor, scholar, author, legend in civil rights, lover of God, leader of God’s people and follower of Christ. He stepped up and became a prominent figure in a segregated nation, working to end racist practices, speaking truth to power and fighting for social justice in this nation. You can learn more about his life at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/gayraud-wilmore-who-led-the-commission-on-religion-and-race-dies-at-98/>



My awareness of this gifted African American man came when, as a seminarian at San Francisco Theological Seminary, I was introduced to his book “Black and Presbyterian.” In it, I found a SWOT analysis, the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of being a follower of Jesus in this denomination. I was inspired and challenged in my journey of faith. I still am. And so are the many people Rev. Dr. Wilmore taught, tutored and coached to become our best selves as leaders of God’s people.

Given the time we are living in, we will not be able to gather in person, to praise and thank God for his life. But I encourage us to pause and reflect upon the tremendous gift God gave to us in Rev. Dr. Wilmore and others who have touched our lives in this earthly journey. The death of our heroes and sheroes is a permanent social distancing. Yet, they live on in our hearts and minds because of the contributions and investments made to us. They stepped up and led through tumultuous times. These men and women are part of the great cloud of witnesses cheering us on from the balconies of heaven. And, as followers of Jesus, each of us is being asked to step up in this hour. It is our time to offer compassion to those who need it and to work to make a more just and peaceable world.

So, to all of you who are stepping up now. To all of you who are engaging in Zoom meetings to organize assistance to those who need it, who are writing and signing on to letters of protest to stand with those who live on the margins, for all of you who are making masks, shopping for a senior or bringing meals to someone who needs one, for those of you who are calling and checking on someone who lives alone, praying for your community and supporting your churches, and to all of you who are caring for family members and children, so they learn to care for others too. Thank you. Because you are making a difference. And I for one, am grateful. In the words of composer, singer, musician Alicia Keys:

You are doing a good job
You are doing a good job
Don't go too low
The world needs you now

Know that you matter
Matter, matter
You are doing a good job.

MEMORIAL DAY QUOTES

Memorial Day is a time to remember those who perished during their military service and while some visit Arlington National Cemetery to honor the fallen, there are also a number of quotes that commemorate their sacrifice.

"137 years later, Memorial Day remains one of America's most cherished patriotic observances. The spirit of this day has not changed - it remains a day to honor those who died defending our freedom and democracy." Doc Hastings

"On Memorial Day, I don't want to only remember the combatants. There were also those who came out of the trenches as writers and poets, who started preaching peace, men and women who have made this world a kinder place to live." Eric Burdon

"As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in our nation's wars." John M. McHugh

"The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude." Jeff Miller

"The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment." Judd Gregg

"As we set today aside to honor and thank our veterans, let us be mindful that we should do this every day of the year and not just one." Beth Pennington

"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them." Franklin D. Roosevelt

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me." Lee Greenwood

"Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice." President Barack Obama

*Thank You to All of the Men and Women
Who Have Served in the Arm Forces.*



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I want to thank everyone who contributed an article to this month's newsletter. It is very much appreciated.
Thank You - Jan Brecht

Our web site at collegehillcommunitychurch.org is updated regularly, and our FB page - College Hill Community Church - PCUSA - is being used to announce Zoom Bible Study, Zoom Adult Sunday School and other events. We encourage you to check them regularly.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2020
 - Mother's Day, May 10, 2020
 - Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2020
 - Ascension Day, May 21, 2020
 - Memorial Day, May 25, 2020
 - Pentecost, May 31, 2020
- Sunday Mornings at 9:45am on Zoom
Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom

If you know of anyone who has NOT received the March or April newsletter, please encourage them to send their contact information to lakeskathy@gmail.com. Kathy will make changes to the church data bank and pass on the email changes to Jan so that they begin to receive the electronic newsletter.

THE MISSION STATEMENT FOR COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are a family of Christians who intentionally include all God's children as we live in faithful obedience to God's command to love one another and seek justice, using Jesus as our example. We strive to serve God's people and connect to each other personally, spiritually and socially.